

Senator Dodd Embarrasses White House

Johnson Friend
Urged Tshombe
to Stand Firm
Against U.N.

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WASHINGTON —

VICE PRESIDENT Lyndon Johnson is always loyal to his friends, but some of his other friends around the White House wish he wouldn't overdo it.

The Democrat who has caused the Kennedy Administration most trouble lately is Senator Dodd of Connecticut. One reason he has caused trouble is that Johnson insisted that Dodd be put on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last year despite his lack of seniority and despite the fact that Senator Clark of Pennsylvania was in line for the vacancy.

Clark, however, had not backed Johnson for president, while Dodd had been for Johnson.

Dodd is the only senator who was once a registered foreign agent, having been paid at the rate of \$50,000 a year by the Guatemalan government after he left the House of Representatives and up until one day before he entered the Senate. Dodd once offered a \$5,000,000 amendment to the foreign aid bill for Guatemala, but Johnson pushed Dodd into the committee post anyway.

THIS PLACE ON the foreign Relations Committee gave Dodd authority to go to Africa a few weeks ago, where he proceeded to undermine the policy of President Kennedy.

First he made a full-dress speech on the Senate floor attacking the administration's position in The Congo. This speech was published in Elisabethville, capital of Katanga, a few hours before it was delivered in the Senate. It has been learned that a representative of the Katanga Information Center in New York is a frequent visitor in Senator Dodd's office and that private planes have carried statements and speeches for Dodd from the information center in New York.

Later Dodd went to The Congo and in a series of talks with

President Tshombe he encouraged him to stand firm against the United Nations.

Meanwhile President Kennedy was throwing the full weight of his administration behind the United Nations.

AT ONE POINT, United States Ambassador Gullion got Mr. Kennedy on the trans-Atlantic phone to tell him that Tshombe wouldn't meet with him because Dodd had convinced Tshombe that the State Department was influenced by Communists.

In addition, Dodd went on the Katanga radio and broadcast a flattering tribute to Tshombe. This was heard all over Africa and monitored by foreign governments.

Finally, Dodd came back to the United States and enlisted the support of the No. 1 elder statesman of the Republican party, Herbert Hoover. Hoover, who once worked for British mining interests in the Far East, proceeded to assail the Kennedy administration's position in The Congo.

All this happened just as Gullion was trying to persuade Tshombe to negotiate with Premier Adoula of The Congo.

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